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Vermont Civil Rights Panel Appointed

WASHINGTON, DC - The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has appointed 15 people to its Vermont State Advisory Committee.

Kim Tolhurst, kdelegated the authority of the staff director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, announced the appointment of •Francine T. Bazluke of Essex Junction, John H. Bloomer of Wallingford, Luther M. Brown of Rutland, Ellen Mercer Fallon of Middlebury, Leslie Ann Holman of Burlington, Terrance D. Martin of Brattleboro, Marion C. Milne of West Topsham, Cheryl W. Mitchell of New Haven, Tara O'Brien of Brattleboro, Eric D. Sakai of Randolph, Stephanie L. Sidortsova of Westford, Diane B. Snelling of Hinesburg, Tracey H. Tsugawa of Williston, and R. Stewart Wood of Quechee. The Commission appointed Diane Snelling as Chair. The appointments are for two years.

Congress has directed the Commission to establish advisory committees in all states and the District of Columbia to assist in its fact-finding function. These committees receive reports, suggestions, and recommendations from individuals, public and private organizations, and public officials, and forward advice and recommendations to the Commission. Members of State Advisory Committees serve without compensation, conduct civil rights reviews and investigations, and report to the Commission.

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The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency charged with monitoring federal civil rights enforcement. Members include Acting Chair Abigail Thernstrom, Commissioners Roberta Achtenberg, Marty Castro, Todd Gaziano, Gail Heriot, and Peter N. Kirsano. Commission meetings are open to the general public. The Commission's website is <http://www.usccr.gov>.